



## **First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – August 17, 2015**

### **FirstNet News**

- We are planning the next SPOC in-person meeting for October 6-8 in the Denver area and will be providing more specifics in the coming weeks. Similar to the April meeting, each state and territory will be invited to bring up to 3 attendees.
- Invitations were sent last week for the Public Safety Briefing webinar on 8/28 from 1:00-3:00 pm EDT. FirstNet will address both recent developments and key next steps related to the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN) acquisition process. This follows the 8/27 second Industry Day.
- This week, we will be participating in the APCO conference and the Federal Agency Point of Contact monthly teleconference. FirstNet has several sessions scheduled during the [APCO educational program](#).
- We held our initial state consultation meetings in Hawaii and American Samoa last week. FirstNet also participated in the National Joint Tribal Emergency Management Conference, National Rural Intelligent Transportation System conference, the APCO board meeting, the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) board meeting, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Chief Information Officer Executive Briefing.
- To date, FirstNet has held 46 state consultation meetings involving more than 3,000 public safety representatives. Future consultations are confirmed for: Indiana (8/26), Michigan (9/1), New Jersey (9/3), Alaska (9/9), Arizona (9/15), Virginia (9/30), CNMI (10/20), Guam (10/22) and Oklahoma (10/28). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).

### **News from the PSAC, States and Territories**

- FirstNet will continue to feature various state data collection efforts over the next several weeks. If you would like to highlight your state or territory's effort, please email [outreach@firstnet.gov](mailto:outreach@firstnet.gov).
- Jimmy Gianato, the National Governors Association (NGA) representative on the PSAC, was appointed to the PSAC Executive Committee (EC).

- The Early Builder Working Group (EBWG) held a conference call last week. The working group reconfirmed its role as a forum for all 5 project representatives to share lessons learned.

## **Media Watch**

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### *Traditional Media*

FirstNet media coverage was lighter this week than last, but is expected to be heavy next week with APCO coverage, the Special Board Meeting on August 17, and other developments, including an announcement related to Board member appointments. Stories from this week mainly focused on the FirstNet FY16 Budget developments, as well as the states that filed comments and capability statements on the Special Notice and Draft RFP.

### **Fierce Wireless: FirstNet Board To Consider \$126M proposed Budget That Includes RFP Release**

<http://www.fiercemobilegovernment.com/story/firstnet-board-consider-126m-proposed-fy2016-budget-includes-rfp-release/2015-08-12>

The First Responder Network Authority's finance committee last week recommended a fiscal 2016 budget of up to \$126 million that includes the release of a request for proposals to build a nationwide interoperable public safety communications network, among other priorities. The committee approved the funding guidance Aug. 6, and the FirstNet board will consider the recommended budget during an Aug. 17 meeting, the organization said in a press release issued last week.

### **Urgent Communications: FirstNet Committee Recommends \$126 Million Budget With Spectrum-Relocation, Cybersecurity Funding**

<http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/firstnet-committee-recommends-126-million-budget-spectrum-relocation-cybersecurity-fund>

FirstNet's finance committee recommends that the full board adopt a \$126 million budget for the 2016 fiscal year that would fund the ongoing request-for-proposal (RFP) process, cybersecurity efforts and a grant program to pay for the spectral relocation of 700 MHz narrowband systems currently operating in Band 14.

### **Mission Critical Radio Resource: 3 States Outline Concerns, Recommendations in Comments to FirstNet**

<http://www.mccmag.com/Features/FeaturesDetails/FID/588>

At least three states – Ohio, Washington, Colorado – have made public their comments to the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) special notice and draft request for proposals (RFP), outlining areas of concern and recommendations for the federal entity. FirstNet said earlier this month it is analyzing 175 comments, capabilities statements and operational architecture (OA) inputs into the special notice and draft RFP, which were due July 27. FirstNet is not making the comments public, but some entities that submitted comments are releasing them to the public.

### *Web and Social Media*

FirstNet continued to be an active subject over social media. Twitter increased to 2,539 followers; LinkedIn has 881 users; YouTube has 148 subscribers; and Google+ has 50 users. Social media buzz topics included FirstNet budget, public safety communications, rural broadband, and NG911. All blog posts can be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: [www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog](http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog).